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SUBJ: SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH SISOUK NA CHAMPASSAK

MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION: FM SISOUK NA CHAMPASSAK (LAOS);

OCT 5, 1973, 9:15 A.M.;

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1. PARTICIPANTS: LAOS: MINISTER OF FINANCE AND DELEGATE
FOR DEFENSE SISOUK NA CHAMPASSAK PERM. REP. TO THE UN
PHAGNA PHENG NORINDR; SEC.GEN. OF FOREIGN MINISTRY RAJASOMBAT;
SEC. GEN. OF GOVT. SOUVANNA VONG
U.S.: THE SECRETARY; MR. HUMMEL; MR. STEARMAN; MR. RIVERS,
NOTETAKER; MRS. PORSON (INTERPRETER)

2. SUMMARY: IN BRIEF MEETING OCTOBER 5, LAO MINISTER OF
FINANCE SOUGHT REASSURANCE OF CONTINUED USG SUPPORT AND
AID RE WITHDRAWAL OF NVA AND POST HOSTILITIES COMPETITION
WITH PATHET LAO. SECRETARY ASSURED HIM OF WHATEVER INFLUENCE
AND ASSISTANCE WE CAN MAKE AVAILABLE WITHIN THE LIMITS

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OF OUR LEGISLATION IN CONTINUATION OF OUR SUPPORT FOR THE

INDEPENDENCE AND NEUTRALITY OF LAOS.

3. SISOUK STATED THAT SOUVANNA HOPED TO HAVE PGNU FORMED BY THE END OF OCTOBER. TO ACCOMPLISH THIS, HE IS USING PERSUASION ON DEPUTIES IN ORDER TO OBTAIN NECESSARY POWERS. MEANWHILE HE STATED THAT ONE OR TWO NVA REGIMENTS HAD WITHDRAWN IN THE SOUTH BUT REST REMAIN. MAJOR OBJECTIVE OF RLG HAS BEEN WITHDRAWAL OF NORTH VIETNAMESE AND HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT USG WOULD BRING PRESSURE TO BEAR ON BOTH NVN ALLIES AND NVN TO IMPLEMENT LAO ACCORDS. SISOUK FELT THAT WITHDRAWAL NVNA WOULD FACILITATE POLITICAL SETTLEMENT WITH PATHET LAO. IN ORDER THAT TRANSITION PASS PEACEFULLY AND THAT RLG BE ABLE TO OFFER MORE TO LAO PEOPLE THAN PATHET LAO IN TIME OF COMPETITION AND COEXISTENCE, HE DECLARED USG AID MORE NECESSARY THAN EVER.

4. IN REPLY, THE SECRETARY ASSURED THE LAO MINISTER THAT WE SHALL USE ALL OUR MEANS AND INFLUENCE TO SEE THAT NVA WITHDRAWS. HE STATED THAT USG STILL FULLY COMMITTED TO THE INDEPENDENCE AND NEUTRALITY OF LAOS AND THAT LATTER CAN COUNT ON ALL OUR INFLUENCE AND AID WITHIN THE LIMITS OF OUR LEGISLATION. HE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT A GREAT DEAL DEPENDS ON THE SELF-CONFIDENCE OF THE LAO GOVERNMENT AND IN LAO CONFIDENCE IN US. THE SECRETARY FURTHER ASSURED SISOUK THAT WE HAD SENT LAOS A VERY GOOD REPRESENTATIVE IN AMBASSADOR WHITEHOUSE WHO IS A PERSONAL FRIEND OF HIS AND WHOM HE HAD INSTRUCTED TO GIVE THE LAO MAXIMUM SUPPORT WITHIN THE LIMITS OF OUR LEGISLATION. FINALLY, HE SENT HIS WARM REGARDS TO PRINCE SOUVANNA ON WHOM WE ARE COUNTING TO PERFORM WITH HIS USUAL SKILL AND COURAGE.
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